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Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Work activity around the state was consistent with last week's. The days suitable for work were 6.6, down 0.3 from last week's mark. Crops are still in excellent condition even though recent temperatures have been somewhat cooler. Livestock producers around the state continued branding their calves and docking their lambs.

Field Crops Summary

Growers in most counties received another week of good weather. Major farm activities such as small grains, corn planting, and alfalfa planting remained the same. Some growers have started planting corn for silage, and also spraying for weeds. Box Elder reports that flooding along the Bear River Canal has caused some minor crop damage, and a few days of warmer temperatures could melt the snow pack and cause more problems.

Livestock Summary

Livestock continues to look good throughout the state. Cattle are beginning to move from spring meadows to summer pastures. Grazing this year should be more than adequate. Sheep shearing in most counties is almost complete.

Crop Progress for Week Ending May 7, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Planted	88	69	57	87
Barley Emerged	60	27	30	66
Oats Planted	69	58	64	75
Oats Emerged	41	13	19	47
Spring Wheat Planted	91	71	77	94
Spring Wheat Emerged	67	43	50	73
Corn Planted	39	11	11	31

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending May 7, 2006

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	0	0	12	67	21
Winter Wheat	0	3	21	68	8
Sheep	0	0	6	86	8
Cattle/calves	0	0	6	75	19

Livestock Percent for Week Ending May 7, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sheep Sheared on Farm	87	85	83	94
Sheep Sheared on Range	80	77	71	85
Ewes Lambled on Range	76	56	72	78

Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 7, 2006

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	18	75	7
Subsoil	0	5	91	4
Irrigation water supplies	0	1	88	11
Stock water supplies	0	2	93	5